

Local Planning Committee Meeting with Public Forum
Tuesday, March 23, 2021 5:30 PM

Members present: Brad Daniel, Kevin Disney, Connie Harvey, Jessica Jarboe, Felicia Lindsay, Lisa Mudd, Michael Preacely, Stephanie Spires, Alan Stein, Clay Sutherland, Myron Thompson, Killian Timoney, Joshua Williams and Chris Woodall

Staff and Visitors: Tracy Bruno, Marilyn Cunningham, Melinda Joseph-Dezarn, Sherry Price, and Beth Randolph

The **Public Forum** meeting was called to order by Ms. Joseph-Dezarn at 5:32 PM. Tracy Bruno, Marilyn Cunningham and Beth Randolph were in attendance from the public.

Ms. Joseph-Dezarn shared the changes Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) made to the District Facility Plan (DFP) with the group. Some of the changes were cost updates, square footage at SCAPA and health clinics moved to priority 5.

There was discussion about SCAPA (grades 4-8) moving to 701 E. Main Street. Mr. Bruno stated there is a group working on how to diversify students at SCAPA.

Ms. Melinda Joseph-Dezarn explained the DFP was sent to KDE in December. Since that time the BG1 for the new middle school was submitted. KDE recommended that a “finding meeting” take place for the minor change to the 2017 DFP. The finding meeting will include increasing student capacity in the new middle school to 1200 from 900.

The Public Forum meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM.

The **Local Planning** meeting was called to order at 5:44 PM by Mr. Williams and attendance was taken by Ms. Price.

Discussion continued about SCAPA moving to 701 E. Main. It was reported a band director inquired about using Norsworthy for middle school performing arts. *Will Norsworthy be open to schedule when SCAPA is not using it?* Middle schools will be first in line and we will possibly make it available to all schools. Mr. Bruno expressed that “Arts exposure is very important and we don’t want this to be put on the back burner.”

Does Norsworthy need to be overhauled? Yes, with an initial investment of \$71,000 Norsworthy sound system and lights will be updated. The total renovation will probably not take place for a few years. *With updates could the seating be increased?* Yes. Currently Norsworthy seats 859. The committee agreed that increasing seating would be beneficial.

A suggestion was made the schools could check Kentucky Theatre and the Opera House for performances. Mr. Thompson stated that using the other facilities would be contingent on what the Board approves.

Ms. Joseph-Dezarn reviewed and summarized the comments from KDE and asked for questions.

Mr. Woodall made a motion to accept the revised DFP and present to the Local Board. Mr. Sutherland seconded the motion and the vote was 13 – 0.

Tentative date for Local School Board to approve 2021-2025 DFP was set for April 12th. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for April 27th.

Mr. Sutherland made the motion to adjourn and Ms. Lindsay seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 PM.